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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper responds to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of September 25, 2001. Applicants also request a one month extension of time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants also request that the following claim amendments be entered before assessment of the claim fees. Since the claim amendments cancel all claims except for two (claims 46 and 47) and add four new claims (48 - 51), applicants assert that no additional claim fees are due. Consequently, Applicants include a check herewith for \$475, which covers the \$355 basic filing fee, the \$65 late fee, and the \$55 one month extension of time fee for a small entity. However, if any additional fee is required to preserve the pendency of this application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Please enter the following amendments in this case.

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